

**JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY**

County Board Room, County Building

**Board Meeting of
Tuesday, May 7, 2013, 10:00 A.M.**



TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT

JERRY BUTLER
EARLEAN COLLINS
JOHN P. DALEY
JOHN A. FRITCHEY
BRIDGET GAINER
JESUS G. GARGIA
ELIZABETH "LIZ" DOODY GORMAN
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JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI

**MATTHEW B. DeLEON
SECRETARY TO THE BOARD**

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10:00 A.M.

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OFFICIAL RECORD

President Preckwinkle in the Chair.

CALL TO ORDER

At 10:00 A.M., being the hour appointed for the meeting, the President called the Board to order.

QUORUM

Secretary to the Board, Matthew B. DeLeon called the roll of members and there was found to be a quorum present.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Butler, Collins, Daley, Fritchey, Gainer, Garcia, Gorman, Goslin, Moore, Murphy, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims, Steele, and Suffredin (16)

Also Present: President Preckwinkle

Absent: Commissioners Tobolski (1)

INVOCATION

Rev. Bernard Sutton, Pastor of Acme Missionary Baptist Church gave the invocation.

RECESS/RECONVENE

President Preckwinkle moved that the meeting do now recess for the purpose of holding the Finance Committee meeting.

BOARD RECONVENED

President Preckwinkle in the Chair.

President Preckwinkle asked the Secretary of the Board to call upon the registered public speakers, in accordance with Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code Section 1-4-30

1. Chad Croucher, Concerned Citizen
2. George Blakemore, Concerned Citizen
3. Benjamin Cox, President, Friends of the Forest Preserve District

PRESIDENT

Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Steele, moved that the Proposed Ordinance be approved and adopted. **The motion carried unanimously.**

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13-O-06

ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

Sponsored by

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Forest Preserve District Board

Making changes to the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the “District”) code of ordinances to eliminate duplicate references to various District fees.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners that Title 3, Chapter 2, Section 2A, Subsection 4 is amended of the District Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as follows:

TITLE 3 – ADMINISTRATIVE

CHAPTER 2A – ANIMAL CONTROL- HORSES

3-2A-4: LICENSE FEES; DISPOSITION. The fees for licenses issued hereunder shall be as reflected in the Fee Schedule published in Section 7-1-1 of the District Code of Ordinances. All fees collected under this Article shall be kept in a separate fund and shall be used only for defraying the costs of administering this Article and maintaining bridle trails.

Effective Date: The amended ordinance shall be effective immediately upon passage.

Commissioner Goslin, seconded by Commissioner Steele, moved that the Proposed Ordinance be approved and adopted. **The motion carried unanimously.**

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13-O-07

ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

Sponsored by

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President, Forest Preserve District Board

Making changes to the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the “District”) code of ordinances to eliminate duplicate references to various District fees.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners that Title 4, Chapter 4, Section 2, Subsection B is amended of the District Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as follows:

TITLE 4 – MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

CHAPTER 4 – SNOWMOBILES

4-4-2: - PERMIT TO OPERATE.

- A. *Permit Required; Decal:* Every snowmobile which uses the forest preserve facilities will be required to have a permit before operating upon the property of the District. A decal will be issued to the owner which shall be affixed to the windshield of the snowmobile.
- B. *Permit Fee and Term:* The annual fee for the issuance of such permit and decal shall be as reflected in the Fee Schedule published in Section 7-1-1 of the District Code of Ordinances, and such permit shall be valid from January 1 to December 31 of each calendar.
- C. *Compliance with Provisions:* The applicant for such permit and decal shall comply with any further requirements and regulations that the General Superintendent shall from time to time deem necessary.

Effective date: This amended ordinance shall be effective immediately upon passage.

Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Steele, moved to accept the Substitute Ordinance Amendment. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Daley, moved that the Substitute Ordinance Amendment be approved and adopted as amended. **The motion carried unanimously.**

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13-O-08

ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

Sponsored by

LARRY SUFFREDIN, JOHN P. DALEY AND ELIZABETH “LIZ” DOODY GORMAN, JERRY BUTLER, EARLEAN COLLINS, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESUS G. GARCIA, GREGG GOSLIN, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, EDWIN REYES, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, STANLEY MOORE, ROBERT B. STEELE, AND JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board Commissioners

AN AMENDMENT TO THE FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF COOK COUNTY RULES OF ORGANIZATION AND PROCEDURE

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners that Title 1, Chapter 5, Section 1-5-2 (2-6), (2-9); and 1-5-4 (4-1), (4-7), (4-8), (4-30) and (4-31) of the Cook County Forest Preserve District Code be amended as follows:

1-5-2: - ORGANIZATION

...

2-6. *Standing Committees.* The standing committees of the Board, their standing subcommittees and the number of members to be appointed to each (including Chair and Vice-Chair) are as follows:

AUDIT (7) - Chief Financial Officer shall be an ex officio, nonvoting member of the Audit Committee

BOTANIC GARDEN (10)

CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT (10)

CONTRACT COMPLIANCE (9)

ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL (7)

FINANCE (Committee of the Whole) with the following subcommittees with the number of members indicated:

Labor (7)

Litigation (7)

Workers' Compensation (5)

LAW ENFORCEMENT (9)

LEGISLATION AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS (Committee of the Whole)

REAL ESTATE (Committee of the Whole)

RECREATION (9)

RULES (9)

ZOOLOGICAL (10)

- 2-9. *Reporting by Committees.* Notwithstanding any action to be undertaken by committees or subcommittees pursuant to this section, only the Board may take final action on any item referred to a committee or subcommittee. Committees shall report to the Board, and subcommittees shall report to their parent committees, subsequent to the adjournment of a meeting of the committee or subcommittee.

The report of any committee or subcommittee shall be comprised of two (2) sections.

The first section of the report, "the text," shall constitute the minutes of the meeting for which the report was prepared and shall contain: a list of the attendees; an account of the items considered; a summary of the deliberations, including motions and amendments proposed and/or adopted; all votes taken; the result of said votes; and any attachments to the record as ordered by the Chair.

The second section of the report shall include a summary of certain actions taken at the meeting for which the report was prepared. For purposes of this section, action is defined as motions, duly seconded and carried, to adopt one (1) of the six (6) following statements of intent with respect to a Communication Numbered item:

- (1) Recommend for Approval;
- (2) Recommend for Approval as Amended;
- (3) Not Recommended for Approval;
- (4) Not Recommended for Approval as Amended;
- (5) Recommended for Receiving and Filing; and
- (6) Returned With No Recommendation.

The committee's adoption of any one (1) of the above six (6) statements of intent, as reported to the Board, shall constitute conclusive action by the committee on a Communication Numbered item, and shall automatically discharge the committee from further jurisdiction of the item.

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Absent the attachment of one (1) of these six (6) statements of intent to the Communication Numbered item, such item will remain in committee unless discharged by the Board.

The Board's approval of a committee report that contains a statement(s) of intent as set forth in numbers (1) through (5) above in this section will constitute final Board action on the item(s) attached to the statement(s) of intent. The Board's approval of a committee report that contains a statement of intent as set forth in number (6), "Returned With No Recommendation," places the item before the Board for immediate consideration.

Commissioners present and voting on a motion to approve a committee report retain the right to divide their vote with regard to each item contained in the second section of the report, or to request a separate vote, either by voice or roll call, on such items, regardless of the action taken in Committee and prior to the approval of the committee report.

1-5-4: - PARLIAMENTARY RULES.

4-1. Meetings.

- (a) The Board shall hold regular meetings pursuant to an annual calendar adopted by resolution of the Board.
- (b) It shall be the duty of the President to call special meetings of the Board whenever such meetings are necessary in his or her opinion. The President must give no less than 48 hours' advance written notice of such special meetings to the Commissioners and to the public.
- (c) In the event that the President states that an emergency exists, the President may call a special meeting, providing twenty-four (24) hours' advance written notice to the Commissioners and to the public, unless not reasonable under the circumstances. In such case notice shall be given as soon as practicable.
- (d) Special meetings shall also be held whenever requested by at least one-third (1/3) of the Commissioners (six (6) Commissioners). At least 48 hours' advance written notice of such special meetings shall be given to the remaining Commissioners and the public.
- (e) All notices of special meetings must include an agenda for such meeting, and such meeting shall be limited to the subjects and items specified in the call of the meeting. The notice of the call of the meeting shall be read at the beginning of the meeting.
- (f) Special meetings shall be held at the hour of 10:00 a.m., unless another hour is specified in the call.
- (g) All regular meetings shall be held at the County Seat, in the County Office Building, unless another place within the County shall be designated by the Board.
- (h) A regular or special meeting may be cancelled by the President by providing no less than twenty-four (24) hours' advance written notice that said meeting has been cancelled to the Commissioners and to the public.

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4-7. Order of Business.

- (a) At each regular meeting of the Board, the order of business (unless otherwise directed by the Board) is as follows:
 - 1. Public Testimony.
 - 2. Consent Calendar
 - 3. Committee reports:
 - A. Approval of the minutes of committee meetings.
 - B. Adoption or rejection of recommendations in reports.
 - 4. New Business.
- (b) The Board may grant members of the public leave to speak on items pending before the Board pursuant to the rules set forth in Section 4-30.
- (c) All questions relating to the priority of business shall be decided by the Chair, without debate, subject to appeal.

4-8. Prior Notice to Public—Agendas.

- (a) No less than three (3) full business days before any meeting of the Board or of a committee or subcommittee, notice and an agenda for such meeting shall be provided to the President, all Commissioners, and all news media that have requested notice of meetings, shall be made available to the public in the office of the Secretary, and shall be posted by the Secretary at the location where the meeting is to be held. New items posted to an agenda must be posted at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting by the Board Secretary and at the location where the meeting is to be held in order for the Board to approve the item; new items posted with less than 48 hours' notice must be withdrawn, deferred or referred to committee. In addition, notices and agendas of all meetings shall be posted on the District's website.
- (b) The agenda shall briefly describe all items that will be considered at the meeting, except for congratulatory or death resolutions that will be considered at the meeting. Material pertinent to an item on a Board agenda shall be supplied, along with the agenda, to the President and to each of the Commissioners, and all material pertinent to any item on a committee agenda shall be supplied, along with the agenda, to each member of the committee. Such material shall also be available to the public in the office of the Secretary, with the exception of materials that are confidential as provided by law.
- (c) Items may be placed on an agenda not later than noon of the day previous to the day on which an agenda is required to be distributed. This subsection shall not apply to items reported to the Board by any of its committees of the whole.
- (d) Items may be placed on the agenda of a Board meeting by the President or any Commissioner. Committee reports shall be placed on the agenda of a Board meeting by the Chair of the committee. Items may be placed on the agenda of a committee meeting by any member of the committee, including the President in his or her ex officio capacity,

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provided that such item has been referred to the committee by the Board, pursuant to Section 2-7.

- (e) It shall be the duty of the Secretary to prepare, post, and distribute all agendas for meetings of the Board, and to prepare, post, and distribute agendas for committee meetings.
 - (f) No issuance of any debt instrument which pledges the full faith and credit of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County shall be the subject of final action by the Board of Commissioners unless it has been preceded by at least one (1) public hearing on the prospective matter by the Finance Committee. Notification of such hearing shall be the responsibility of the Finance Committee, which shall be as set forth in Section 2-8 of these rules.
- 4-30. Public Testimony. Subject to the provisions herein, public testimony will be permitted regular and special meetings of the Board and at committee meetings of the Board. Authorization as a public speaker shall only be granted to those individuals who have submitted in writing, their name, address, subject matter, and organization (if any) to the Secretary 24 hours in advance of the meeting. Duly authorized public speakers shall be called upon to deliver testimony Approved 5/7/13. Public testimony must be germane to a specific item(s) on the meeting agenda and the testimony must not exceed three minutes; the Secretary will keep track of the time and advise when the time for public testimony has expired. Persons authorized to provide public testimony shall not use vulgar, abusive or otherwise inappropriate language when addressing the Board; failure to act appropriately; failure to speak to an item that is germane to the meeting, or failure to adhere to the time requirements may result in expulsion from the meeting and/or disqualify the person from providing future testimony.
- 4-31. Recordings of Meetings. The Secretary is responsible for tape recording all public meetings of the Board. The tape recordings of Board meetings shall be retained by the Secretary who shall make them available to the President and Commissioners upon request. Members of the public shall be allowed to listen to such recordings during regular office hours except when the recordings are in immediate use by persons exercising official District duties. The Secretary may require a notice in writing to be submitted 24 hours prior to the time when the recordings are desired. Any member of the public wishing to purchase a copy of a recording of an open meeting may do so upon payment to the District of the cost of its reproduction.

Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, moved that the Proposed Resolution Amendment be approved and adopted. **The motion carried unanimously.**

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13-O-09

RESOLUTION AMENDMENT

Sponsored by

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President and JERRY BUTLER, EARLEAN COLLINS, JOHN P. DALEY, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESUS G. GARCIA, ELIZABETH “LIZ” DOODY GORMAN, GREGG GOSLIN, STANLEY MOORE, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, EDWIN REYES, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT B. STEELE, LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Commissioners

AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION 10-R-13 ESTABLISHING THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE AND CHAIRS AND VICE-CHAIRS OF THE COMMITTEES AND SUBCOMMITTEES OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, that Resolution 10-R-13 is hereby amended by the stricken and underscored language shown below.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, that the following Commissioners are designated and appointed as President Pro Tempore and as Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons of the Standing Committees and Subcommittees of the Board.

Section 1. The President Pro Tempore of the Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners shall be Commissioner Steele.

Section 2. The Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons of the Committees (identified by all capital letters) and of the Subcommittees (identified by initial capital letters) of the Forest Preserve District Board shall be as follows:

AUDIT (7 members)	Chair:	Gorman
	Vice-Chair:	Gainer
BOTANIC GARDEN (10 members)	Chair:	Goslin
	Vice-Chair:	Schneider
CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT (10 members)	Chair:	Gainer
	Vice-Chair:	Sims
CONTRACT COMPLIANCE (9 members)	Chair:	Steele
	Vice-Chair:	Silvestri
ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL (7 members)	Chair:	Gorman
	Vice-Chair:	Steele
FINANCE (Committee of the Whole)	Chair:	Goslin
	Vice-Chair:	Steele
Labor (7 members)	Chair:	Murphy
	Vice-Chair:	Garcia
Litigation (7 members)	Chair:	Silvestri

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	Vice-Chair:	Fritchey
Workers' Compensation (5 members)	Chair:	Schneider
	Vice-Chair:	Reyes
LAW ENFORCEMENT (7 members)	Chair:	Reyes
	Vice-Chair:	Silvestri
LEGISLATION AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS (Committee of the Whole)	Chair:	Suffredin
	Vice-Chair:	Fritchey
REAL ESTATE (Committee of the Whole)	Chair:	Murphy
	Vice-Chair:	Gorman
RECREATION (9 members)	Chair:	Gorman
	Vice-Chair:	Murphy
RULES (9 members)	Chair:	Suffredin
	Vice-Chair:	Gorman
ZOOLOGICAL (10 members)	Chair:	Tobolski
	Vice-Chair:	Murphy

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, the Board of Commissioners of the Cook County Forest Preserve District do hereby approve this Resolution Amendment.

Effective date: This resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage.

Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, moved that the Proposed Resolution Amendment be approved and adopted. **The motion carried unanimously.**

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13-R-06

RESOLUTION AMENDMENT

Sponsored by

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President and JERRY BUTLER, EARLEAN COLLINS, JOHN P. DALEY, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESUS G. GARCIA, ELIZABETH "LIZ" DOODY GORMAN, GREGG GOSLIN, STANLEY MOORE, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, EDWIN REYES, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, PETER N. SILVESTRI, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT B. STEELE LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Commissioners

AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION 10-R-14 DESIGNATING AND APPOINTING MEMBERS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES AND SUBCOMMITTEES OF THE

FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, that Resolution 10-R-14 is hereby amended by the stricken and underscored language shown below.

WHEREAS, the Standing Committees and Subcommittees of the Cook County Forest Preserve District Board, as well as the number of members and Chair and Vice-Chair of each, have already been established; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, that the following Commissioners are designated and appointed as members of the Committees (identified by all capital letters) and Subcommittees (identified by initial capital letters) of the Board in addition to the Chair and Vice-Chair of the respective Committees and Subcommittees:

AUDIT

Members: Gorman
Gainer
Butler
Goslin
Reyes
Schneider
Tobolski

BOTANIC GARDEN

Members: Goslin
Schneider
Butler
Daley
Gorman
Moore
Murphy
Reyes
Steele
Suffredin

CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT

Members: Gainer
Sims
Fritchey
Gorman
Goslin
Moore
Murphy
Schneider
Silvestri
Steele

CONTRACT COMPLIANCE

Members: Steele
Silvestri
Butler
Garcia
Gorman

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		Moore Murphy Reyes Sims
ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL	Members:	Gorman Steele Gainer Murphy Schneider Silvestri Tobolski
FINANCE	Members:	All Commissioners, including the Chair and Vice-Chair
Labor	Members:	Murphy Garcia Butler Fritchey Gainer Reyes Sims
Litigation	Members:	Silvestri Fritchey Collins Gainer Schneider Suffredin Tobolski
WORKERS' COMPENSATION	Members:	Schneider Reyes Fritchey Moore Tobolski
LAW ENFORCEMENT	Members:	Reyes Silvestri Butler Fritchey Gorman Goslin Tobolski
LEGISLATION AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS	Members:	All Commissioners, including the Chair

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REAL ESTATE	Members:	and Vice-Chair All Commissioners, including the Chair and Vice-Chair
RECREATION	Members:	Gorman Murphy Daley Gainer Goslin Reyes Schneider Steele Tobolski
RULES	Members:	Suffredin Gorman Daley Fritchey Gainer Schneider Silvestri Sims Steele
ZOOLOGICAL	Members:	Tobolski Murphy Daley Garcia Gorman Goslin Moore Reyes Silvestri Steele

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, the Board of Commissioners of the Forest Preserve District, do hereby approve this Resolution Amendment.

Effective date: This resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage.

Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Daley, moved that the Proposed Resolution be withdrawn. **The motion carried unanimously.**

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

Submitting a Proposed Resolution Sponsored by

TONI PRECKWINKLE, President and JERRY BUTLER, EARLEAN COLLINS, JOHN P. DALEY, JOHN A. FRITCHEY, BRIDGET GAINER, JESUS G. GARCIA, ELIZABETH "LIZ" DOODY GORMAN, GREGG GOSLIN, STANLEY MOORE, JOAN PATRICIA MURPHY, EDWIN REYES, TIMOTHY O. SCHNEIDER, DEBORAH SIMS, ROBERT B. STEELE LARRY SUFFREDIN and JEFFREY R. TOBOLSKI, Forest Preserve District of Cook County Commissioners

HONORING THE LIFE OF THE HONORABLE CALVIN R. SUTKER

WHEREAS, God, in His infinite wisdom, has taken from our midst a public servant of the highest caliber, Calvin R. Sutker; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Calvin R. Sutker served with distinction as a Cook County Commissioner from 1994 to 2002; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Calvin R. Sutker also served with honor as an Illinois State Representative; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Calvin R. Sutker held the post of Chairman of the Illinois Democratic Party; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Calvin R. Sutker served as a Skokie Trustee; and

WHEREAS, for 33 years, The Honorable Calvin R. Sutker was the Niles Township Democratic Committeeman; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Calvin R. Sutker spent the last decade of his life speaking to community groups about his experience witnessing first-hand the atrocities of the Dachau Nazi concentration camp in Southern Germany; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Calvin R. Sutker was the dearly beloved husband of the late Phyllis (nee Twery); and the devoted father of Sharon Sutker McGowan (Jim McGowan), Shelly Sutker-Dermer (Kenneth Dermer), Edie Sue Sutker (David Richmond) and Allen Sutker (Karen Sutker).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The Honorable Calvin R. Sutker's memory shall be cherished in all of the hearts of the people he touched and loved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Forest Preserve District of Cook County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Cook County, does hereby express its deepest condolences and most heartfelt sympathy to the family as well as the many friends, colleagues and loved ones of The Honorable Calvin R. Sutker and may a suitable copy of this Resolution be tendered herewith.

COMMISSIONERS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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Commissioner Suffredin, seconded by Commissioner Gorman, moved that the Report of the Committee on Rules be approved and adopted. **The motion carried unanimously.**

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REPORT OF THE FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT RULES COMMITTEE

May 7, 2013

The Honorable,
The Forest Preserve District of Cook County
Board of Commissioners

SECTION 1

ATTENDANCE

Present: Chairman Suffredin, Vice-Chairman Gorman, Commissioners Daley, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims and Steele (7)

Absent: Commissioners Fritchey and Gainer (2)

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Your Committee on Rules of the Forest Preserve District of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County met pursuant to notice on Tuesday, May 7, 2013 at the hour of 9:45 A.M. in the Board Room, Room 569, County Building, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Your Committee has considered the following item and upon adoption of this report, the recommendation is as follows:

13RULE0006 SECRETARY TO THE BOARD, Matthew B. DeLeon, presented in printed form a record of the Journal of the Proceedings of the Meeting held on Tuesday, April 16, 2013.

Vice Chairman Gorman, seconded by Commissioner Daley, moved to Approve Communication No. 13RULE0006. The motion carried.

Vice Chairman Gorman, moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Daley. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.

SECTION 2

**YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING ACTION
WITH REGARD TO THE MATTER NAMED HEREIN:**

Communication Number 13RULE0006

Recommend for Approval

Commissioner Schneider, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, moved that the Report of the Committee on Finance be approved and adopted. **The motion carried unanimously.**

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REPORT OF THE FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

MAY 7, 2013

The Honorable,
The Forest Preserve District
Board of Commissioners of Cook County

SECTION 1

ATTENDANCE

Present: President Preckwinkle and Chairman Goslin, Vice Chairman Steele, Commissioners Butler, Collins, Daley, Fritchey, Gainer, Gorman, Murphy, Moore, Reyes, Schneider, Silvestri, Sims and Suffredin (15)

Absent: Commissioners Garcia and Tobolski (2)

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Your Committee has considered the following item and the recommendation is as follows:

ANNOUNCEMENT

**GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION
CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT**

13FINA0053 Transmitting a Communication dated May 7, 2013 from
ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent
The Forest Preserve District is proud to announce that the Finance and Administration Department has been awarded the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for its comprehensive annual financial report for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2011. Certificates of Achievement for Excellence in financial reporting are presented by the GFOA of the United States and Canada to government units and Public Employee Retirement Systems who's Comprehensive Annual Financial Reports (CAFR's) achieve the highest standards in government accounting and financial reporting.

VICE CHAIRMAN STEELE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SILVESTRI, MOVED TO RECEIVE AND FILE COMMUNICATION NO. 13FINA0053. THE MOTION CARRIED.

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Your Committee has considered the following communications with reference to the proposed settlements.

Your Committee, concurring in the recommendations of the District Counsel, recommends that the Forest Preserve District Comptroller and Forest Preserve District Treasurer prepare checks in the amounts recommended by the District Counsel in order that the payments may be set in accordance with the request of the upon proper release from the District Counsel.

13FINA0054

Finance Subcommittee on Litigation of the
Forest Preserve District.....April 16, 2013

Proposed Settlements Approved Fiscal Year 2013 To Present: \$373,927.25

Proposed Settlements To Be Approved: \$0.00

Legal Fees Approved Fiscal Year 2013 To Present: \$388,577.20

Legal Fees for 4/16/13 To Be Approved: \$174,533.93

***For details on payment approvals by the Litigation Subcommittee, refer to the Litigation Subcommittee Report for /16/2013.**

**COMMISSIONER SILVESTRI, SECONDED BY VICE CHAIRMAN STEELE,
MOVED APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENTS. THE MOTION
CARRIED.**

13FINA0055

Your Committee was presented with the Revenue Report for the period ended March 31, 2013 for the Corporate Fund, as presented by the Finance and Administration Department.

**VICE CHAIRMAN STEELE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SILVESTRI,
MOVED TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE REVENUE REPORT. THE MOTION
CARRIED.**

Chairman Goslin asked the Secretary of the Board to call upon the registered public speakers, in accordance with Forest Preserve District of Cook County Code Section 1-4-30.

1. George Blakemore, Concerned Citizen

Vice Chairman Steele moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Reyes. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.

SECTION 2

**YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING ACTION
WITH REGARD TO THE MATTERS NAMED HEREIN:**

Communication Number 13FINA0053
Communication Number 13FINA0054
Communication Number 13FINA0055

Recommend for Receiving and Filing
Recommend for Approval
Recommend for Receiving and Filing

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Commissioner Gorman, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, moved that the Announcement be received and filed. **The motion carried unanimously.**

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**ANNOUNCEMENT
NEIGHBORSPEACE BOARD APPOINTMENT**

Transmitting a Communication dated, May 7, 2013 from

ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

Appointment of Commissioner Deborah Sims to serve on the NeighborSpace Board of Directors for a term of two-years. NeighborSpace, an affiliate partner of the Forest Preserve District, was established in 1996 as a non-profit land trust through an intergovernmental agreement between the City of Chicago, Chicago Park District and the Forest Preserve District. By supporting NeighborSpace the District provides small parcels of dedicated open-spaces throughout the city of Chicago for people to enjoy.

Commissioner Gorman, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, moved that the Miscellaneous Item of Business be received and filed. **The motion carried unanimously.**

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**MISCELLANEOUS ITEM OF BUSINESS
PRESENTATION BY CHICAGO WILDERNESS**

Transmitting a Communication dated, May 7, 2013 from

ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

Chicago Wilderness, founded in 1996 by 34 nonprofit and government agencies, is a regional conservation alliance that now numbers more than 260 members, including members of the business community. The Forest Preserve District of Cook County is proud to be one of the founding members and to note that Arnold Randall serves as the current chair of Chicago Wilderness. Chicago Wilderness works on a number of initiatives including Leave No Child Inside, Climate Action, Greening Infrastructure, and Restoring Nature, all of which are relevant to and inform the work of the District. And

like the District, Chicago Wilderness seeks to engage an ever growing and increasingly diverse population in nature exploration, recreation, and stewardship.

The Forest Preserve District of Cook County sees tremendous benefit from being part of this powerful network of partners that are all committed to protecting biodiversity and connecting people with nature.

We are pleased to have with us today Melinda Pruett-Jones, Executive Director of Chicago Wilderness, to tell us more about the work of Chicago Wilderness, and its national leadership in the area of urban conservation.

Commissioner Daley, seconded by Commissioner Murphy, moved that the Report be received and filed. **The motion carried unanimously.**

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**PROCUREMENTS & DISBURSEMENTS
April 2013 REPORT**

Transmitting a Communication dated May 7, 2013 from

ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

submitting the Procurement and Disbursements Report for the period April 1, 2013 through April 30, 2013. This report is to be received and filed in compliance with Section 1-8-2(BB) of the District's Code of Ordinances.

Per Section 1-8-2(BB) of the District's Code, the District's Chief Financial Officer shall submit a report to the Board on a monthly basis listing the Procurements that exceed \$25,000.00 and do not require Board approval, including a list of each Person from whom the District makes such a Procurement, a brief description of the product or service provided, the budgetary account from which the funds are being encumbered, as well as the amount. The District's Chief Financial Officer shall provide a monthly report to the Board of the individual and total amount of disbursements made for contracts involving any expenditure of \$25,000.00 or more and that do not require Board approval, including a list of each Person to whom the District makes such disbursements, a brief description of the product or service provided, the budgetary account from which the funds are being drawn and the amount of the payment.

Commissioner Murphy, seconded by Commissioner Moore, moved that the Proposed Contract be approved and adopted. **The motion carried unanimously.**

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**PROPOSED CONTRACT
PURCHASE OF TWENTY-FIVE (25)
2013 FORD SEDAN POLICE PACKAGES**

Transmitting a Communication dated, May 7, 2013 from

ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

requesting authorization, pursuant to Section 1-8-2 (X) of the District Code of Ordinances, for the District to purchase vehicles from Metro Ford Sales and Service of Chicago, Illinois ("Metro Ford") at the same price reflected in Metro Ford's agreement with the City of Chicago.

Reason: This item provides for the purchase of twenty-five (25) 2013 Ford Interceptor Sedan Police Packages. Metro Ford was selected by the City of Chicago as a vendor via a competitive bid process. Vendor is in good standing with the State of Illinois.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: Not to exceed \$725,000.00. Contract Period: May 25, 2012 through April 25, 2017. 09-6625 Vehicle & Trucks Account).

The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

Vendor has met the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Ordinance Provisions.

District(s): Districtwide

Commissioner Gainer, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, moved that the Proposed Contract be approved and adopted. **The motion carried unanimously.**

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**PROPOSED CONTRACT (TASK ORDER)
ARCHITECTURAL & ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES FOR
LANDSCAPE & CIVIL ENGINEERING PROGRAM – 05D**

Transmitting a Communication dated May 07, 2013 from

ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

requesting authorization to enter into a contract (Task Order) between Hitchcock Design Group, Chicago, Illinois, and the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the "District") for Architectural & Engineering Design Services to assist the District in the design of its landscape and civil engineering program.

Reason: Contract (Task Order) #13-80-02-05D is for architectural and engineering design services for the District's landscape and civil engineering capital improvement program. The project scope includes design, bidding and construction administration for Little Red Schoolhouse interpretation and landscape improvements, Chicago Portage site improvements, and three viewing platforms and outdoor classroom patios for interpretation with estimated construction budget of \$1,360,000.00.

On December 5, 2012, the Board of Commissioners approved a pre-qualified pool of eighty-five (85) firms for architectural & engineering design services for the District's capital improvement programs. A professional services agreement was subsequently

executed with each pre-qualified firm which provided for engagement of services for specific projects via a Task Order.

The District issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) on March 1, 2013, to six pre-qualified firms and received proposals from five firms. A selection committee determined that Hitchcock Design Group, Chicago, Illinois, and its team of sub-consultants was most qualified to provide design services for the landscape and civil engineering program.

Vendor is in good standing with the State of Illinois.

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$123,000.00. Contract Period: 31 months from Notice to Proceed. (25-6740, 51-6740, 52-6740, & 60-6740 General Consulting Services Accounts).

The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

The Vendor has met the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Ordinance Provisions.

District(s): 6, 14, 16 & 17

Commissioner Murphy, seconded by Commissioner Gorman, moved that the Proposed Contract be approved and adopted. **The motion carried unanimously.**

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**PROPOSED LAND ACQUISITION
1 SOUTH HAPP ROAD**

Transmitting a Communication dated May 7, 2013 from

ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

The Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the "District") previously identified a parcel of land for acquisition that would add to the District's current holdings near the Skokie River and Happ Road. On

September 4, 2008, the District requested and received, authorization to negotiate with the owners of the parcel commonly known as 1 South Happ Road, Wilmette, Illinois, consisting of approximately 3.23 ± acres of vacant land that would provide additional buffering to existing District holdings along the Skokie River (see Exhibit A for details) for the purpose of acquiring the same. At that time, the Board also authorized the District to create a forest preserve at the aforementioned location (see attached).

Through negotiations, the landowner, 1 Happ Road LLC (the "Seller"), has agreed to sell the subject property to the District for the sum of SEVEN HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00/100 (\$700,000.00) (the "Purchase Price"). The Purchase Price is based upon two appraisals obtained by the District and is subject to the District's satisfactory completion of its due diligence.

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Permission is now sought, upon satisfactory completion of all due diligence and negotiation of any and all required documentation, as determined by the District's legal department, to remit a check in the amount of the Purchase Price to the Seller as full compensation for the acquisition of said property.

(EXHIBIT A)

OWNER OF RECORD: 1 Happ Road LLC

PRICE: \$700,000.00 (Land Acquisition Account 25-6800)

ACREAGE: 3.23 ± acres

SQUARE FOOTAGE: 140,698.80 ± square feet

PIN: 05-30-301-064-0000

LEGAL: * Legal Description provided in the back up materials

The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

District(s): 14

Commissioner Gorman, seconded by Commissioner Silvestri, moved that the Calendar of Events be received and filed. **The motion carried unanimously.**

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS MAY 2013

In addition to the dozens of free programs at the District's six Nature Centers each month, the following special events are taking place in March. For a full list of events in the Forest Preserve District, visit www.fpdcc.com/events

Saturday, May 11
Noon until 4:00 p.m.

International Migratory Bird Day Celebration **Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills**

This annual event brings attention to the challenges that migrating birds face every year. Join our staff and volunteers from the Prairie Woods Audubon Society as we identify birds along our trail system. Activities will include Beginning Birding, our Migratory Bird Obstacle Course Challenge and more. We will also present live hawks and owls at the Raptor Encounter.

May 11 – Oct. 27
Open daily 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Model Railroad Garden: Landmarks of America **Chicago Botanic Garden (Weather Permitting)**

Train and garden enthusiasts return year after year for the delightful sights and sounds of miniature trains traversing through tunnels, across bridges, and around buildings. New this year: the Lincoln Memorial. Fee applies

Saturday, May 18

Nature Block Party: Celebrating Urban Biodiversity

9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Eggers Woods, Chicago

Discover the flora and fauna of the urban preserves with restoration activities, bird hikes, tree hikes, biking and more.

Sunday, May 19

Noon to 3:30 p.m.

Des Plaines River Canoe and Kayak Marathon

Founded in 1958 by Ralph Frese, and co-sponsored by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, this race on the Des Plaines River is the second oldest continual canoe race in the United States. Race ends at Dam #2, Mt. Prospect

Saturday, May 25

11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Aquatic Centers open for the summer! FREE DAY!

Whealan Pool Aquatic Center, 6200 W. Devon, Chicago

Green Lake Aquatic Center, 1100 River Oaks Dr., Calumet City

Cermak Aquatic Center, 7600 W. Ogden, Lyons

May 25 – September 2

Open daily 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Butterflies & Blooms (Weather permitting)

Chicago Botanic Garden

On the lawn of the Learning Campus, this 2,800-square-foot white mesh enclosure houses hundreds of live butterflies from around the world. Fee applies.

Saturday, June 1

11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

World Environment Day

Chicago Botanic Garden

Celebrate World Environment Day with an array of activities for visitors of all ages

Saturday, June 1

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Fishin' Buddies Hike-a-thon

Sand Ridge Nature Center, Calumet City

Join Fishin' Buddies for the launch of the new **Outdoor Assistant APP**, an innovative new smart phone app that merges Nature & Technology. The Hike-a-thon is a Fishin' Buddies fundraiser.

Thursday, June 6

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Nature is Accessible

Little Red School House Nature Center, Willow Springs

Experience hikes, pond exploration, and activity tables for people of all abilities.

Saturday, June 8

11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Beaubien Woods Celebration

Beaubien Woods, I 94 & Doty Avenue

Have fun at this annual family event sponsored in partnership with Fishin' Buddies, and the Calumet Stewardship Initiative. Fish, explore, build with natural materials, hike, and more!

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Sunday, June 9
Noon to 4:00 p.m.

Explore the Forest: Celebrating the Forest Preserve District of Cook County

Celebrate nearly 100 years of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County's efforts to restore, restock and protect our natural wonders, provide new recreational opportunities and have fun in nature! See the equipment used in our restoration efforts. Practice casting, get a free bike tune-up and discover our new one-acre Explore Nature Area! --Crabtree Nature Center, Barrington Hills

Tuesday, June 11
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Live Healthy, Discover Nature
Daley Plaza, Chicago

The forest preserves come to the city for a fun-filled day of nature-related activities and live animal demonstrations.

Wednesday, June 12, 2013

Centennial Anniversary Launch

8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Breakfast

Chicago Cultural Center, 78 E. Washington St., Chicago

8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Program

Please join the Forest Preserve District as we launch our Centennial Anniversary plans to educate and engage area residents for our next one hundred years of conserving and protecting this invaluable land and nature.

Reservations Required: call TBD

Commissioner Murphy, seconded by Commissioner Sims, moved to adjourn. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.